



March - April 2011

Citizen Newsletter

The Brighton Connection



STATE OF THE CITY

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Mayor Dick McLean and Brighton City Council Members hosted the 2011 State of the City address on Thursday, Jan. 27, to a crowd of 225 people at the Armory at Brighton Cultural Center. The theme was "A New Dynamic Decade."

The Mayor recognized the accomplishments for 2010 such as the plethora of new businesses that have chosen Brighton as their place to do business. This has created hundreds of new jobs right here in our community. Many accomplishments for the past year were mentioned. Just to name a few:

- The completion of the water supply from Westminster/Thornton;
- The Bromley Lane roundabout;
- The 26th Annual Turkey Trot, which raised \$8,000 for the Senior Center;
- Online registration for Recreation Center classes;
- The reduction of graffiti by 44%;
- City Council meetings now being webstreamed on the city's website;
- The completion of major revisions to the Land Use and Development Code;
- Cabbage Street improvements; and
- The city's presence on Facebook and Twitter.

The Mayor mentioned that 2010 certainly was a busy year and we look forward to 2011 - A New Dynamic Decade! The outlook is bright, he stated. Here's what we can look forward to:

- The move of City Hall to the former Adams County Administrative Building on 4th in late summer;



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- The Adult Recreation Center will break ground in April and is scheduled to be complete by the end of the year;
- The Outdoor Aquatic Park is scheduled to be complete Memorial Day Weekend;
- The old Albertson's site will be redeveloped with Big Lots and Sabor Fresco, a Hispanic-style grocery store, going in;
- Vestas will open their Spare Parts and Repair facility, and an additional Blade Factory;
- Kaiser Permanente will move into the Gateway Center Plaza building on South 4th;
- Improvements to 4th Avenue;
- Increasing the availability of parking in downtown; and
- Waterline replacement and preventative maintenance work to be completed throughout the city.

The city is geared to focus on job creation, housing, retail and really positioning Brighton to move forward.

One challenge we've faced, he mentioned, has been the economy. He expressed the importance of making sure our tax base continues to grow as these dollars are fundamental to providing essential programs and services. Shopping in Brighton is important, as it keeps local dollars here.

The Mayor thanked the many dignitaries, elected officials, Boards, Commissions and student leaders in attendance.

He also recognized all city directors and staff, as he stated, they are committed to public service and work hard to keep up with the rapid changes. He mentioned that with limited resources they have been able to work diligently to continue to provide our citizens the services they have come to expect - clean and maintained streets, recreational activities and facilities, beautiful parks, healthy water, safe neighborhoods, police protection, good restaurants and shopping.

BRIGHTON CITY COUNCIL MEETINGS

City Council Meetings - 7 p.m. on the first and third Tuesday of each month at City Hall, 22 S. 4th Ave., Council Chamber, 3rd floor.

City Council Study Sessions - 6 p.m. on the second and fourth Tuesday of each month at City Hall, 22 S. 4th Ave., Heritage Room, 3rd floor.

Residents and other interested parties are welcome and are encouraged to attend. Meetings are also aired live on KBRI Channel 8 or at www.brightonco.gov and click on Online Services.

If you are interested in attending any of these meetings and require special assistance and/or reasonable accommodations, please notify the City Manager's Office at 303-655-2043.



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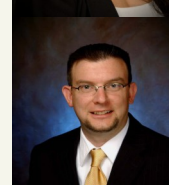
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FUNSHINE SUMMER CAMP REGISTRATION

Funshine is an affordable, state licensed program that offers care for school-age children. Kids participate in arts, crafts, games and sports along with weekly swimming and field trips. Registration begins at 7 a.m. on April 14 for residents and April 15 for open registration at the Recreation Center. All participant information including 2011 immunizations, emergency contacts, allergies, medical/dental providers, etc. must be complete in order to register. Find the forms on the City of Brighton website, www.brightonco.gov.

The program is for 6-12 year olds and is hosted at a local elementary school. Tentative dates are May 31-July 22. The Regular Hours program cost is \$520 and Extended Hours program is \$700. Check out the Summer 2011 brochure for complete details. Call Emily Wisner at 303-655-2225 with questions.

REI OUTDOOR RECREATION WORKSHOPS

Let us introduce teens to the amazing outdoor recreation opportunities in our backyard with the staff at REI Westminster, their videos, equipment demos and informative handouts to get everyone pumped. For teens 13-18. Cost is \$2. Transportation is provided - meet/return at the Recreation Center. Each month a new topic is discussed from 6 - 8:30 p.m. Thursday, March 3: Activities for Winter into Spring Season. Tuesday, April 5: Spring and Summer Activities. Contact Kristin Fister for information at 303-655-2209.

SPACETIME WORKSHOPS & CAMP

These hands-on science workshops and camp include exciting experiments and interactive participation to get kids energized about space science and exploration. Incredible 3D images, building and launching rockets, the gravity sling shot, Mars Mud and more can be found in these activities. Workshops are for ages 5-12 years old. Saturdays, 9 - 11 a.m. and cost \$19. Destination Mars Workshop is March 19 and the Lift-Off Workshop is April 23. Life in Space Camp is for youth 6-12, offered 9 a.m. - noon, March 28-April 1, and costs \$125. To register, call SpaceTime at 720-851-7700 or online at www.spacetimekids.com.

2011 TREE PROGRAM

There are still lots of trees available for purchase through the City of Brighton Tree Program.

- Twelve different species are available this year. All twelve species are excellent selections for Brighton, with five shade tree species and seven smaller ornamental species to choose from.
- This is a rare opportunity to purchase appropriate trees at a reasonable price. Bare root trees are \$32.58 each, and ball and burlap trees are \$48.87 each.
- Most trees are 5-7 feet tall and are approximately 1.25" in caliper. They can weigh up to 50 pounds.
- **Orders are placed on a first come, first served basis. Trees will be available for pick-up in April.**
- To look at tree species and download an order form, go to www.brightonco.gov and click on Departments, Parks and Recreation, Forestry.
- Trees are purchased through the Colorado Tree Coalition and all proceeds go to benefit their organization. Please visit them at www.coloradotrees.org or on Facebook at www.facebook.com/coloradotreecoalition.
- Information: 303-655-2054 or e-mail Kyle Sylvester, City Forester, at ksylvester@brightonco.gov.

HELP FOR HOMES



Help for Homes (HFH) brings volunteers and neighbors together to perform yard work, and to paint or fix-up homes that need minor exterior repairs. If you are in need of small fix-ups or painting for your home, you may qualify depending on your income level, if you own your home, are age 60 or older, or are permanently disabled. Once approved, materials and labor will be provided to get those repairs done. This is a community project where neighbors pitch in to improve their neighborhood **and it IS FREE**, if you qualify. **Home owners needing assistance can submit applications through Wednesday, March 30. Applications are available by calling Ernie or Sue at 303-655-2075.**

Volunteers: Volunteers are needed to help on Saturday, May 7. You can put together a team of 8-10 friends, family and co-workers, or join a team that is already helping. If you can scrape, paint, do yard work or perform minor home repairs, we need you... your neighbors need you!! Call Sue at 303-655-2075 for volunteer applications. **Help for Homes is jointly sponsored by Brothers Redevelopment Inc, and the City of Brighton. Funding provided by the Legacy Foundation.**

LIVING WITH COYOTES

Sightings of coyotes are very common during the spring, which corresponds with their mating season. Coyotes prefer to live in open fields and mountainous surroundings, but have no problems adjusting to city life. As long as food, water and shelter are available, coyotes will adapt to any habitat. Coyotes are extremely adaptable animals. We must learn to co-exist with these creatures and do everything possible to keep our community and pets safe.

Coyotes pose a danger to the community, and being aware of that danger is the first step to co-existing with these creatures. With coyotes being so adaptable to surrounding habitats, it is not uncommon to see coyotes running through the neighborhoods of Brighton. Their principle diet consists of mice, rabbits, squirrels, other small rodents, insects, even reptiles, and fruits and berries of wild plants. However when dog food, bird feed, small dogs and domestic cats are left outside, the coyote will use that to its advantage and can even use your pets as a food source.

Human attacks are very rare, but not impossible. Most human attacks have been caused by a person attempting to feed a coyote. Proper actions should be taken to avoid such conflicts. The Colorado Division of Wildlife has done extensive research to come up with solutions to deal with coyotes. It has been proven that actions to attempt to eradicate coyotes have caused the coyote population to expand rather than decline.

Taking Action

- If you live in areas where coyotes have been seen, **protect your pets!** Coyotes will attack and kill cats and dogs.
- Do not allow your pets to roam, especially at night. Make sure your yard is appropriately fenced. We suggest at least a six-foot fence or keep your dog in a completely enclosed kennel.
- **Do not allow dogs to run with coyotes!** Although it appears they are "playing," coyotes can turn on dogs to defend their territory.
- **Don't leave pet food outside.** This invites wildlife into your yard and problems may result.
- **Protect livestock, especially chickens, young calves and sheep.** Contact your local extension office for appropriate methods to prevent depredation.
- **Keep your garbage in a storage facility or in a tightly sealed container.** Clean garbage cans regularly to reduce residual odors by using hot water and chlorine bleach.

What To Do If You Meet a Coyote

- Keep your distance and **do not approach the animals.** Enjoy the opportunity to view wildlife.
- **Keep your pets on a leash** when walking them.
- If a coyote approaches you or your pet, you can throw rocks or sticks to frighten it away.
- Use a **loud, authoritative voice to frighten the animal.**

For more information, visit <http://wildlife.state.co.us/>.



STAY INFORMED WITH BRIGHTON ALERT

Brighton Desktop Alert is a FREE, simple application you can download and install on your Windows-based personal computer (currently not available to Unix or Mac users). It's like having your own, personal meteorologist right on your computer. Download it at: <http://download.trueweather.com/brighton/desktop/desktopp.htm>.

Once installed and connected to the Internet, you will receive current temperature and severe weather warnings directly on your computer screen, as well as other features such as local and national weather. It will provide rapid notification of severe weather from the National Weather Service, state Amber Alerts for missing children and emergencies issued through the U.S. Department of Homeland Security or local officials. When an emergency is declared, it will sound a warning through the PC, followed by a pop-up screen explaining the type of emergency. The user can reduce the screen after receiving the alert, but updated information will scroll across the bottom of the screen.

**OUTDOOR WARNING SIRENS**

Tested on the first Wednesday of every month at 11 a.m.

GRAFFITI HOTLINE

303-655-2097

H O S T Y O U R E V E N T A T T H E A R M O R Y

Dear Brighton residents, clubs, groups, organizations and businesses,

You are all invited to enjoy the Armory at the Brighton Cultural Center facility. In the 14 months since the facility has opened its doors, the Armory has hosted 202 events. Yes 202 events! Please think about cultural opportunities that you, your family, your children and your favorite organizations can produce or attend.

202 events include:

Armory sponsored events - 17; District 27 J sponsored events - 9; City of Brighton - 6; Economic Development Corporation sponsored - 9; HeART of Brighton Organization sponsored - 4; Organization and Private rentals - 124; Brighton Cultural Center sponsored (both the Anythink Library and the Armory sponsors) - 33.

Events at the Armory have been:

"Art in the Armory" reception's (new art every 6 weeks)

Festivals (Market Day and Ecofair)

Brighton Cultural Arts Center Summer Series:

Monday Lunch Time Concerts (outdoor stage)

Theatre Tuesdays - "Classic" movies from the decades past

Wednesday "Variety Concert Show" (outdoor stage)

Armory Event Summit: educational tours and training. Topics included:

Performers support

Event support services

Insurance for events

Cultural Arts Organizations

Event production

Promotion of events

Arts Education

Tours on instruction space

Board meetings, luncheons, buffets, full-plated dinners, fundraisers, award ceremonies, Boy Scouts, Young Marines, Girl Scouts, Veterans events

Theatre: children's plays, schools, musicals, adult performers, duets

Comedy shows, Mad Cap theatre, Laughs for Lungs

Bands: Irish, Country, Jazz, Blues, Hard Rock, Orchestra

Classes: Dance, Break Dance, Strings,

Tours on a daily basis: one-on-one, small groups, visiting tours, groups, organizations and families

Food and Beverage - we are proud to announce that organizers of most events are utilizing local restaurants or caterers that require either food or beverage.

Please take the time to stop by the Armory, Monday-Friday 9 a.m. 4 p.m. The rental hours are daily from 7 a.m. to midnight.

Stop in and view the posters and fliers of events created in the past 14 months. Dream of what type of event you would like to produce or see in Brighton. Share your cultural contacts with us here at the Armory. Send an e-mail to the Armory office and ask to be included on the weekly e-blast, we send out.

The Armory and the City of Brighton is now on Twitter and Facebook. Follow the exciting schedules. Save our website, www.brightonarmory.org, as one of your favorites.

E-mail the Armory with cultural news, special people who are creative, contacts you would like us to follow up with, suggestions of events, and talents and music you would like to see here in Brighton.

The volunteers, the commissions and staff are eager to hear from you. I appreciate all your support for the Armory at Brighton Cultural Center.

A message from Helen Rodriquez, Manager, Armory at Brighton Cultural Center



TRASH BASH

When: Residents can drop-off their items between 9 a.m. and 6 p.m., Fridays and Saturdays April 29, 30 and May 6, 7.

Where: City's Wastewater Treatment facility collection site, 325 North Kuner Road (go north from Bridge Street on Kuner Road to Brighton Street and follow the signs from there).

Pick-up service for those with special needs: Monday-Thursday, May 2-5.
To request pick-up, please call 303-655-2034.

Cost: A donation of \$10 is requested.

Trash Bash service is for **City of Brighton residents only** and no commercial or industrial facilities will be allowed. Questions: 303-655-2087.



ADAMS COUNTY CHEMICAL ROUND-UP PROGRAM IS BACK FOR BRIGHTON RESIDENTS

Saturday, May 7 - Water World, 1850 W. 89th Ave., Federal Heights (9 a.m. - 3 p.m.)

Saturday, Sept. 24 - Thornton IMC Facility, 12450 Washington St., Thornton (9 a.m. - 3 p.m.)

Any unused or leftover chemical product in your home such as cleaners, paints, thinners and pesticides can be a potential danger to you, your family and the environment. Household hazardous waste is usually labeled DANGER, WARNING, TOXIC, CAUTION, POISON, FLAMMABLE, CORROSIVE or REACTIVE. Protect you and your family's health, help us keep our water clean, and reduce pollution.



Recycling of electronics will be offered at both events for a small fee.

Bring your utility bill, phone bill or driver's license with your name and address.

A \$20 donation is requested to help offset the high cost of hazardous waste disposal.

If you would like to volunteer at an event, call 720-322-1508.

For more information, call 303-846-6249 or visit www.tchd.org/householdchemical.htm

CITY OF BRIGHTON 2011 WATER CONSERVATION



Beginning in March, look for the annual Watering Schedule to be included in the water bills for preparation for the irrigation season which begins April 1. Also as a reminder, if you are planning on establishing a new lawn this year, a "no cost" permit is required and can be picked up from the One-Stop Center at City Hall. New lawn permits are only allowed from April 15 – May 21, and then again from Sept. 1 - Oct. 21.

Questions? Contact Dawn Hessheimer, Water Resource Specialist, 303-655-2127 or dhessheimer@brightonco.gov.

STORM SEWER PROJECT WORK TO BEGIN

Residents in the area of Longspeak Street and Highway 85 will soon see some reduction in flooding on roadways as Brighton's Utility Department, together with the Urban Drainage and Flood Control District, begin construction of the North Outfall Phase I storm sewer project.

"We're preparing to start the project in late February," said Utilities Director Jim Landeck. "This project will resolve flooding issues at the corner of Longspeak Street and Highway 85. We're going to install a larger diameter storm sewer pipe across Highway 85."

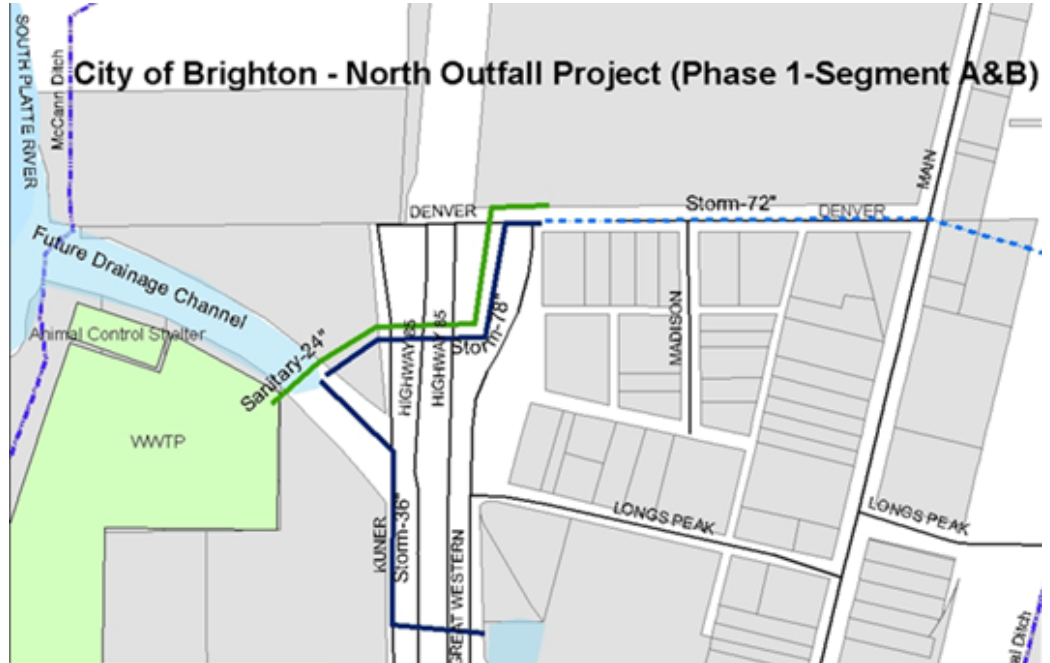
Phase 1 of the North Outfall project will be built in two segments - A and B. The estimated cost for Phase 1, segment A is \$2,000,000 and \$2,220,000 for Phase 1, segment B.

Phase 1, segment A starts with the construction of a drainage channel at the north side of Brighton's Wastewater Treatment Plant, adjacent to the South Platte River, and stops at the intersection of Denver and Highway 85. This segment will include the construction of the channel, the installation of a 78-inch storm sewer line, 24-inch sanitary sewer line, and 36-inch storm sewer line to the south. The sanitary sewer line will convey household wastewater into Brighton's sewage treatment plant, and the storm system will convey runoff water that will be discharged directly into the South Platte River.

The installation of storm and sanitary sewer lines at Highway 85 will be done by open cut. All construction work in Highway 85 will be completed within 75 days. Traffic detour work will be completed within 30 days. Two lanes in each direction will remain open during construction, and the speed limit will be reduced to 45 MPH.

Phase 1, segment B starts at the intersection of Denver and Highway 85, and stops at the east side of Fulton-Lateral Ditch. This segment includes the installation of a 72-inch storm sewer line. Construction dates have not been established for this segment.

"Right now, stormwater floods occur over the road on Great Western when we have a good rain," said Landeck. "The liquor store on the southeast corner of Longspeak and Highway 85, and Almost Home Hughes Station Apartments, have stormwater backing up into their property. There is an existing storm sewer along Longspeak, but it's undersized and can't do the job. We're putting the new storm sewer that will handle storm flows and will also improve drainage in the northwest area of Brighton."



WATER BILL PAYMENTS

Online: www.brightonco.gov
One-Stop Shop Walk-in Payments
City Hall, 22 S. 4th Ave.
Monday - Friday, 7:30 a.m. to 5 p.m.

WATER / SEWER EMERGENCY ?

303-655-2070

REPORT POTHOLE

www.brightonco.gov
and click on "Action Center" or call 303-655-2087



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Brighton's very own Government and Education
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Animal Control.....	655-2091
Building Permits.....	655-2016
City Hall.....	655-2000
Economic Development.....	655-2155
Graffiti Hotline.....	655-2097
Municipal Court.....	655-2064
Parks & Recreation.....	655-2049
Planning.....	655-2059
Police Department.....	655-2300
Pothole Hotline.....	655-2087
Public Works.....	655-2034
Recreation Center.....	655-2200
Senior Center.....	655-2075
Water Billing.....	655-2009
Water & Sewer.....	655-2082
Water/Sewer Emergency.....	655-2070

CITY CALENDAR

MARCH



- 1** City Council Meeting, 7 p.m., City Hall
- 2** BURA Study Session, 4:30 p.m., City Hall
Parks & Rec. Advisory Board, 5:30 p.m., Rec. Center
- 8** City Council Study Session, 6 p.m., City Hall
Planning Commission, 6 p.m., City Hall
- 10** Historic Preservation Commission, 6 p.m., City Hall
- 15** City Council Meeting Canceled
- 16** BURA Regular Meeting, 4:30 p.m., City Hall
- 22** City Council Study Session, 5:30 p.m., City Hall
City Council Special Meeting, 7 p.m., City Hall
- 29** Planning Commission, 6 p.m., City Hall

APRIL



- 5** City Council Meeting, 7 p.m., City Hall
- 6** BURA Study Session, 4:30 p.m., City Hall
Parks & Rec Advisory Board, 5:30 p.m., Rec. Center
- 12** City Council Study Session, 6 p.m., City Hall
Planning Commission, 6 p.m., City Hall
- 14** Historic Preservation Commission, 6 p.m., City Hall
- 19** City Council Meeting, 7 p.m., City Hall
- 20** BURA Regular Meeting, 4:30 p.m., City Hall
- 26** City Council Study Session, 6 p.m., City Hall
Planning Commission, 6 p.m., City Hall

Brighton City Hall:
22 S. 4th Ave.

Brighton Recreation Center:
555 N. 11th

Dates subject to change